



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 2881**

PATENT

Attorney Docket No. 371922004100
Finnegan Customer Number 22,852
Finnegan Docket No. 07303.0066

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
W. Thomas NOVAK et al.)
Application Serial No. 09/866,838) Group Art Unit: 2881
Filed: May 30, 2001) Examiner: Gurzo, Paul M.
For: POSITIONING STAGE WITH)
STATIONARY ACTUATORS)

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to reply to the final Office Action of September 24, 2003. Because Applicants already paid for the two-month extension of time in replying to this Office Action, Applicants enclose a fee payment of only \$530.00, which is the difference between the two-month extension fee (\$420.00) and the three-month extension fee (\$950.00).

If Applicants miscalculate the fee for responding to the final Office Action, please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

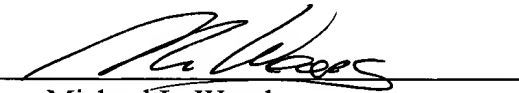
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Respectfully submitted,

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW,
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Dated: March 24, 2004

By:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Woods", is written over a horizontal line.

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